

W-L, Wakefield Rated Cross Country Favorites

By DICK MASON

Washington Lee and Wakefield again loom as favorites in the race for the Northern Virginia Cross Country title. The Generals, who won the title last year and finished second in the state are picked to repeat with county rivals, Wakefield, close on their heels.

Other teams running in close competition will be Hammond, Yorktown, George Washington, and Annandale.

Coach Al Wells of W-L doesn't feel his team will be as strong this year as his champs were last season. However, other coaches throughout the district believe he'll have a powerhouse.

According to Wells, "I think we have a pretty good squad but we're not as strong as we were last year."

THERE IS plenty of experience on the team with three of the top four runners this year having run cross country last year. Steve Lyon, their number one man along with Rob Elkins and Bob Sjogren are all veterans. Their number two runner, Terry Donnelly was an ace miler on the track team last year.

Four boys move up from a real strong J.V. squad of a year ago. These long distance men include, Jeff Lipsey, Robert Clarke, Randy Hawthorne, and Jim Thompson.

With coach Julian (Buddy) Stein of Wakefield returning the Warriors have to be rated as strong contenders. Coach Stein commented, "I'm real pleased with the attitude of the boys and some of the fast times they have turned in during practice. This team puts in more miles than just about any team I've seen." He continued by saying, "If the kids come along and develop as the season progresses we could be tough."

DAVE BALL and Miller McDonald, the co-captains appear to be the number one and two men respectively. Ted Burkett follows close behind with Charlie McClinton and Sophomore Steve Gaskins. Rounding out the strong veteran squad are Tom Colwell, Joe Herman, Ed Dover, Allen Lamb, and George Beakin.

The Warriors have already been plagued with injuries. Letterman Henry Lewis, along with Gilbert DeHuff and Mike Adams are all nursing either a sprained ankle or a pulled muscle.

Coach Ed Kallcock of Hammond says, "We may surprise a few folks." Kallcock is working with a rather new team which has only one letterman, Bill Dunlap, returning. But, they should be better balanced than last year's team which won every dual meet except the one with W-L.

BESIDES Dunlap, the Admirals have fine runners in Billy Thompson, Pete Egan, Bill Schlag, Scott Foster, and John Hagood.

In his debut as cross country coach at Yorktown, James Kelly, is faced with an inexperienced squad. Kelly said, "The indication is that we could have a

strong team if the boys come along. Competition will tell the tale."

Gary Feichtinger should be the Patriot's leader as he has turned in the best times so far. He was outstanding as a miler in track last year as was John Johnson who will also run cross country this fall. John Beerbower and Andrea Weigand will be in the head of the pack too. Others expected to perform well include Jeff Moonan, Scott Smith, James Whitenight, and Ray Grant.

ANNANDALE, coached by Russell Buckley, is also a green team but are anticipated to give many teams trouble. Buckley says "I expect our team to develop right along because the boys have real desire to run."

Charlie Twiddy seems to be

their best long distance man with Bobby Windsor and Allen Bassett running number two and three respectively. Rounding out the top six are Jay Sweet, Tom Paradis, and Bob Bacon. The number seven berth is still wide open.

FALLS CHURCH will field its first team in four years. The squad will be composed mostly of basketball players and wrestlers who will be getting into condition. Top runners on the squad include Ed Belknap, Tom McEntire and Roger Carey.

Coach Barney Garhart who heads the track squad also hopes to find some top distance men for track too.

George Washington, coached by David Lloyd could also pull some upsets. The President's first meet will be Friday with Yorktown and it may be close. This year the Prexies are stronger than they were last year and they should have a respectable squad.

Fairfax, with backfield coach Ray Peterson also working with cross country, has not yet drawn up a schedule.

Scholastic Schedule

FRIDAY

Osborn at George Washington, 8 p.m.

Stuart at Wakefield, 8 p.m.

Lee at Groveton, 8 p.m.

Hammond at Mount Vernon, 8 p.m.

Annandale at Falls Church, 8 p.m.

Edison vs. Woodson at Fairfax, 8 p.m.

Marshall vs. George Mason at Stuart, 8 p.m.

Flint Hill at Quantico, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Fairfax at Madison, 2 p.m.

Yorktown at McLean, 2 p.m.

Episcopal at Gonzaga, 2:30 p.m.

St. Stephen's vs. O'Connell at W-L, 8 p.m.

W-L at Patrick Henry of Roanoke, 8 p.m.

Douglas at Luther Jackson, 8 p.m.

Hoffman-Boston at Carver, 8 p.m.

SET PLAYER DRAFT

NEW YORK (UPI) — The major leagues will hold their annual draft of minor league players in Rochester, N.Y., Nov. 26. They will follow this with their annual winter meeting later that week, probably in New York.

RIDES THREE WINNERS

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (UPI) — Sam Boulmetis rode three winners Wednesday at Atlantic City, including Pams Ego (\$30.80) in the \$17,650 Mermaid Stakes.

Faith Lutheran Leads Section In Church Loop

Faith Lutheran No. 3 leads the Falls Church Section of the Arlington County Church League with a 5-1 record.

With a team average of 512, they rolled 555, 512, 537, plus 30 for a series score of 1634, sparked by Bobby Powell's 146, 110, 132-388, which is high individual series score for the section.

Three other teams—Faith Lutheran No. 1, Westover Baptist No. 1 and Resurrection Lutheran No. 2—also have won five games. Fifth place Holy Trinity Lutheran No. 1 leads the Section in total pinfall, with 3192 pins for the two weeks of bowling.

John Grantham, Westover Baptist No. 1, bowled a high game of 153 in rolling the second high series of 378.

Last week one member Arlington Brethren triplicated a 99 game, one spare and one strike. This week, E. Wilson almost did it. He rolled three games of 98, with a spare and a strike in the first and second games, but only a spare in the third game, not quite a triplicate.

